

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the section heading beginning at page 21, line 1, with the following rewritten section heading:

-- ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE --

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 21, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~It is an object to provide a~~ A device and method for taking up a spacer which can prevent a deformation, for example, the generation of a scratch on the surface of a film carrier tape for mounting an electronic component, the bending of an inner lead, a surface damage, a fold caused by bending the film carrier tape ~~for mounting an electronic component~~, or the like. The feed driving shaft of the reel of a the feeding device is coupled to a driving motor, and the take-up driving shaft of the spacer take-up device is coupled to a motor through a clutch, thereby taking up the spacer at a constant tension.